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**Germany's Westward Drive.**  
There is nothing in the news from Europe up to this moment to disturb the belief that the German drive will fall to reach its objective and to bring to Germany results of permanent value. There are indications which encourage the belief that the Hun tide is close upon the high-water mark of its advance. The allied armies are intact, and loss of ground is no reason for loss of hope. Of course, the British have not yielded ground through choice, but through necessity, sometimes because they have been forced back by superior weight of men and gunfire, sometimes because the maintenance of a position would not be worth the cost in men required to hold it and sometimes because of events on the right or left of the position it is prudent to withdraw from it.

It ought to be kept in mind that the German advance is not a parade. Germans are falling at every step. All messages show that blood-letting is going on freely. There can be little doubt that German blood is flowing in a bigger torrent than allied blood. That is what usually happens when attackers go against good troops in established positions and where the defenders retire in an orderly way to take up positions further back. In any consideration of territorial gains must be figured the strategic worth of that territory and its cost in troops. The cost in troops required for this German drive is part of the information that is not coming in official messages.

The thing to be observed is that the German advance is slowing down. It is not moving today as fast as it did yesterday, it did not move yesterday as fast as it did day before yesterday, and day before yesterday it did not move with the same sweep as the day before that. This slackening cannot be due to any disposition of the Germans to relax the power of their drive, but is most likely due to the increasing opposition of the British and French and to the decreasing force of the attackers.

Paris reports the capture of 45,000 prisoners and 600 guns. These prisoners were probably sacrificed in delaying the advance and to facilitate British withdrawal. David Lloyd George wires Field Marshal Haig that men necessary to replace those lost are either now in France or on the way, that all guns will be replaced and that still further reinforcements of men and guns are going forward. Paris reports that French troops are fighting in the Noyon sector and though retreating are carrying out strong counter attacks.

There is nothing novel in that strategy which brings an overwhelming force against a part of a line which must be held throughout its whole length until the enemy develops his intentions. It seems clear that the weight of the available force of Germany has been thrown against the line from Bapaume to Chancy and behind this part of the line the great forces of the allies are being brought up. Reports that the Germans are running up their own reserves to replace the men moved down in the advance indicate that in a few hours both weary and comparatively fresh forces on both sides will be locked in a death struggle in the close of the world's greatest battle.

It is now suggested that high wages have increased the consumption of meat to a degree that overcomes the saving secured by meatless days. The theory does not take into account the fact that the cost of meat has jumped faster and higher than wages ever did. The effort to account for periods of limited and expensive meat supply has always been a means of displaying some of the most intricate and resourceful logic of which the Chicago packers are capable.

The massing of troops on the west front ought to be an encouragement to any vitality the Russian revolution has remaining.

Prussianism is still sacrificing lives and fortunes. Their country's sacred honor went long ago.

**Gen. Wood's Advice.**  
The Senate military committee listened to some war talk yesterday to which it should give full consideration. Gen. Leonard Wood has two claims to the committee's and the country's attention. He is one of America's most distinguished living soldiers. For many years he has given his whole time to military matters. For twenty years—just twenty, as the war with Spain was fought in 1898—he has been prominent in our military picture, consulted about our military affairs, and holding important military assignments. And let it be remembered to his great credit, too, that during all that time he has displayed the country's unpreparedness and, above, though in vain, for the correction.

The second claim to attention is that Gen. Wood has just returned from France, where he held communion with the men, French, English and American, who are conducting operations on the western front. He knows the situation there. Everything has been explained to him by those who have set the squadrons in the field, so to say—speaking for those who have arranged the card, as well as for himself.

Congress for a long time gave no heed to men of Wood's stamp and training. They made their recommendations to their superiors, who in turn transmitted them to Congress, or ignored them. Nothing came of them. We dreamed and dozed along as if approaching or entering the millennium. No more wars. Peace and good will on earth to the end of the chapter.

All this time the world stage was being set for a war which for size and destructiveness was to dwarf all previous struggles in the world's history. And when it broke we were as helpless as could be. Moreover, we undertook to comfort ourselves with the thought that the appalling conflagration could not possibly spread to us; that the Atlantic ocean would necessarily be its western boundary.

Then, in a moment, the conflagration leaped the sea; and since then we have been feverishly trying to crowd the work of years into months. This explains the blunders that have been made, and the lack of progress. Hades to pay, and no pitch hot and ready.

There is no doubt that Congress is alive to the existing situation, and wants to meet it. Hence the importance of calling Gen. Wood to the stand, and the advisability of digesting his recommendations.

**The Third Liberty Loan.**  
Secretary McAdoo's announcement of the terms of the third liberty loan contains two surprises, first in the interest rate proposed and second in the minimum figure named, \$2,000,000,000. A new element is also added in the statement that the new bonds will not carry the convertible privilege, which indicates that the process of conversion to higher rates of interest is now to be stopped. The rate of 4 1/2 per cent is slightly lower than that which had been expected, but the addition of one-quarter of 1 per cent makes the loan more attractive, doubtless sufficiently so to insure its complete subscription. A new feature of the third loan will be the provision for a sinking fund of 5 per cent during the period of the war and for one year thereafter to enable the government to buy the bonds of those who find that they are not able to hold them. This should serve to keep the bonds at par, or nearly so. The term of the loan is not fixed. It will probably be determined in the legislation that is necessary to authorize the 4 1/2 per cent interest rate. Inasmuch as the term of the second loan was shortened by five years from that of the first there has been a general expectation that the third loan would be also five years shorter, making it twenty years. It is virtually assured that it will not be as long as the second loan, to avoid the dates of maturity coinciding.

**Income Tax Returns.**  
The last call for income tax returns is being sounded. April 1 is the final day and on that day, if not sooner, the tax return must reach the internal revenue collector for this revenue district. The time for filing these returns was extended one month. The original plan was that they should be in the hands of the collector on March 1. With many persons the computation and statement of their income conformable to the requirements of the government has been a task bristling with perplexities, even where one's intentions were the best, but sometimes it seems that life is just one trouble after another, and the time for filing income tax returns is one of those times and the making of income tax returns is one of those troubles. But the perplexities must be faced and the job done. The time draws near. Excuses will not be accepted. Your income tax return must be in the hands of the revenue collector on or before April 1.

In one of his letters to acquaintances in New York, an American prisoner in Germany refers to his captors as "friendly enemies." Expressions of this kind call attention to the fact that a prisoner's mail is sure to be well censored.

The great drive sacrifices men in a way that makes it clear that the war is for the benefit of the Hohenzollerns and not the German people.

The first intention of the Germans was to occupy Paris. Failing in this they have endeavored to destroy the city by bombardment.

Among the remarkable incidents of the war are the efforts of the Kaiser to hold Divinity jointly responsible for it.

**This Week and Politics.**  
This should be an interesting week in politics. Democrats, republicans, socialists, nationalists, all will be at attention. The republicans of Maine will meet in state convention, express themselves on the issues of the day, and listen to an address from Theodore Roosevelt. This will be furnished what in Horace Greeley's phrase may be described as "mighty interesting reading." The Pine Tree state republicans are again united, and their deliverance will be accepted as good party doctrine for at least that neck of woods. Mr. Roosevelt's speech will probably have a national bearing. In Wisconsin his senatorial contest will develop all sides in force. The time is brief. The work of a very few

days will determine matters. Local party organizations will be assisted by national party organizations, and the result at the polls will possess national import.

The war has not banished politics, properly so-called. We have politics with us today, as vigorous, as determined, as frankly confessed as before the war began. That is a republican convention to be held in Maine. Later, the democrats will hold one. The three senatorial candidates in Wisconsin are party men, nominated as such. This is right. Let us all rejoice in it. Whatever we have accomplished as a people has been through party agency. Our leaders have been party men. Our leaders of today are distinctly party men. Mr. Wilson, although President, is none the less the leader of the party which elected him to the office.

We are squaring off for a straight party contest for control of the next Congress. Candidates are announcing under party banners, and party committees are preparing to take charge of the canvasses. And two years hence we shall be squaring off for a straight party contest for the presidency.

The stranger our politics—the more carefully watched and cultivated—the better government we have. We should always have the best brand of both. Good men everywhere should be encouraged to action in the political field—to stand for office, or when not candidates themselves to bestir themselves in behalf of good men who are.

We have, and should have, politics always with us. It is a healthy sign—the sign of health—when the primaries are as full of ginger as the regular campaigns which follow; when subscriptions are numerous and crowds to hear them large, and when the figures at the polls show there was a lively general interest in what was going on.

Professional pride should check the atrocities of the Turk. The Hun has caused the Armenian massacre to rank as a minor demonstration.

Money talks and the liberty loan is the only means the American civilian has of answering the big guns thundering against Paris.

As time passes the mystery deepens as to how the busy Bernstorff managed to acquire so much reputation as a society dandy.

The Kaiser is doing everything possible to keep the Krupp busy enough to insure dividends on his investment in the works.

One of the effects of the Prussian bombardments has been to shoot to pieces old-fashioned local politics.

It may be possible to render wheat so expensive that the farmer cannot afford to eat it himself.

Efforts to regard coal as a mere luxury to be dispensed with at will have not proved successful.

Greenland and Patagonia are among the few countries entitled to feel secure in their neutrality.

**SHOOTING STARS.**  
BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

**Hearty Approval.**  
"Does Orinon Gulch approve of day-light saving?"

"Haven't got it figured out," replied Broncho Bob, "but if it's goin' to put a stop to this habit of breakin' up a poker game jes' because dawn happens to be peepin' over the eastern hills, I'm fur it strong."

**Trials.**  
Wise men toil on with purpose strong—  
And build a city fair to see;  
An arrant idiot comes along  
And blows it up with t n t.

**Woodwork.**  
"Speaking of the war," remarked Senator Sorghum, "a great deal of the trouble seems to be with the woodwork."

"The woodwork?"

"Yes. Too many mahogany decks and not enough ships."

**Busy Days.**  
"Are you going to take any boarders next summer?"

"Nope," replied Farmer Cornstossel; "not unless they work in disguised as farm hands."

"A real man," said Uncle Eben, "is one that is jes' as generous wif other people's mistakes as he is wif his own."

**Discouragement.**  
Miss Springtime come a-languin' an' a-dancin' on de way,  
She made old February look a little bit like May.

An' de March wind stop a-blowin' an' he change into a sigh  
As he watch de streak o' sunshine dat was climbin' in de sky.

But a cold wave caught her an' Miss Springtime's lookin' sad.  
She sorter got discourage an' she's feelin' mighty bad.

De groun' hog is a laughin' an' de grip gorm makes a face;  
De robin stan's an' shivers 'stead o' singin' 'bout de place.

De yaller flowers dey shiver as dey feel a touch o' frost,  
But dey'll bid Miss Springtime welcome, regardless o' de cost.

Fore Miss Springtime, wif trouble in her soul!  
She gits a bunch o' lilies when she needs a ton o' coal.

**German Tears.**  
From the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.  
Carbonists wishing to depict German's sorrow over the persecution of poor little Holland by the allies might show a box-constructor weeping crocodile tears.

# Woodward & Lothrop

New York—WASHINGTON—Paris

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Featuring the Newest Ideas in Dresses, Suits and Coats—All Fresh, New, Springlike and Charming.

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Battleship Gray Kidskin Oxfords, made with wing tip, small perforations around lace stay and vamp, square edge, hand-turned sole, Louis heel. This same Oxford may be had in Field-mouse Kidskin also.

Field-mouse Biltmore Pumps in kidskin; a model that comes well up over the instep, perforated around vamp and quarter, square edge hand-turned sole, Louis heel. May be had also in tony red and battleship gray.

Patent Leather Slipper Pumps, long vamp, welt sole and leather Cuban heel. This Pump comes in gun metal also.

\$6.00 to \$9.00.

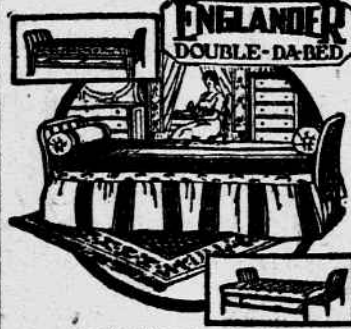
White Lace Washable Kidskin Shoes, made with square edge, hand-turned sole and Louis heel.

\$12.50 and \$14.00.

White Lace Washable Kidskin Shoes, made with welt sole and military heel.

\$15.00.

Third floor, Tenth street.



Englander Level-Lock Beds, in gray enamel finish, with heavy gray tufted mattress over very strong reinforced linked springs; is easily converted into a comfortable full size bed, 4 feet, \$18.50.

Englander Couch Bed, the kind that one easy motion converts into a full sized bed, steel link springs, gray enamel finish, tufted cotton mattress, 4 feet, \$21.50.

Englander Couch Bed, with woven wire springs, finished in gray enamel or oxidized tufted cotton mattress, 4.6 feet, \$27.50.

Foldaway Cots that make a very comfortable bed and can easily be folded into a small space when not in use. Very heavy reinforced striped canvas held by firm steel springs, \$7.50.

New Cots, in gray enamel finish with continuous post head and foot that folds under so that the cots will take up but little space when not in use. Two sizes, 2 feet 6 inches, \$7.50; 3 feet, \$7.50.

Englander Day Bed, ivory enamel finish, continuous post head and foot, \$18.00. These beds are shown fitted with mattress and pillow and valance of art cretonne for use in living room for \$28.50.

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\$2.25 Yard

Fifth floor, G street.

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To those who live in crowded cities, amid the never-ending bustle, there is nothing more refreshing than contemplating the beauties of nature, and of all American Indians none appeal more to us than those of the Painted Desert, with their strange rituals and odd customs.  
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Street Shop, Eleventh street.

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